

Minerals Management Service, Interior

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submittal within 72 hours. Payment must be made with the completed paper or electronic application.

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§ 250.126 General payment instructions.

(a) *Payment of fees associated with electronic applications.* If you submitted an application through eWell or OCS Connect, you must use the interactive payment feature in that system.

(b) *Payment of fees for applications not submitted electronically.* For applications not submitted electronically through eWell or OCS Connect, MMS prefers you to use credit card or automated clearing house (ACH) payments through the PAY.GOV Web site.

(1) *Payment using PAY.GOV Web site.* The PAY.GOV Web site may be accessed through links on the MMS Offshore Web site at: <http://www.mms.gov/offshore/> homepage or directly through PAY.GOV at: <https://www.pay.gov/paygov/>. If paying by credit card or ACH, you must include a copy of the PAY.GOV confirmation receipt page with your application.

(2) MMS will also accept payments by any of the payment means listed in this section. Your payment must be payable to: "Department of the Interior—Minerals Management Service" or "DOI—MMS" and must include your MMS company number. MMS prefers that you use these payment documents in the order presented:

- (i) Commercial check drawn on a solvent bank;
- (ii) Certified check;
- (iii) Cashier's check;
- (iv) Money order; or
- (v) Bank draft drawn on a solvent bank or a Federal Reserve check.

(c) Terms used in this section have the following meanings:

(1) Automated Clearing House or ACH is a type of electronic fund transfer using the ACH network.

(2) PAY.GOV is a U.S. Treasury payment system used by MMS to receive credit card and ACH payments for processing OCS plans, permits, and other related applications or documents.

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INSPECTION OF OPERATIONS

§ 250.130 Why does MMS conduct inspections?

MMS will inspect OCS facilities and any vessels engaged in drilling or other downhole operations. These include facilities under jurisdiction of other Federal agencies that we inspect by agreement. We conduct these inspections:

(a) To verify that you are conducting operations according to the Act, the regulations, the lease, right-of-way, the approved Exploration Plan or Development and Production Plans; or right-of-use and easement, and other applicable laws and regulations; and

(b) To determine whether equipment designed to prevent or ameliorate blowouts, fires, spillages, or other major accidents has been installed and is operating properly according to the requirements of this part.

§ 250.131 Will MMS notify me before conducting an inspection?

MMS conducts both scheduled and unscheduled inspections.

§ 250.132 What must I do when MMS conducts an inspection?

(a) When MMS conducts an inspection, you must provide:

(1) Access to all platforms, artificial islands, and other installations on your leases or associated with your lease, right-of-use and easement, or right-of-way; and

(2) Helicopter landing sites and refueling facilities for any helicopters we use to regulate offshore operations.

(b) You must make the following available for us to inspect:

(1) The area covered under a lease, right-of-use and easement, right-of-way, or permit;

(2) All improvements, structures, and fixtures on these areas; and

(3) All records of design, construction, operation, maintenance, repairs, or investigations on or related to the area.

§ 250.133 Will MMS reimburse me for my expenses related to inspections?

Upon request, MMS will reimburse you for food, quarters, and transportation that you provide for MMS representatives while they inspect lease